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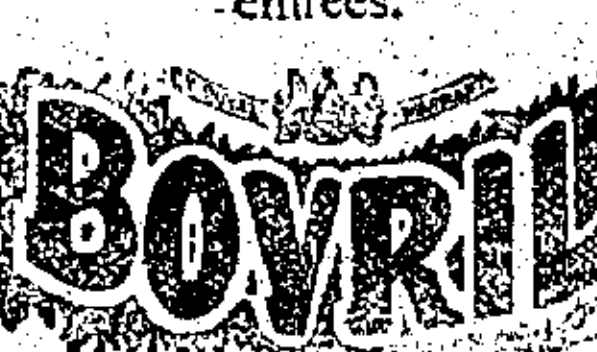
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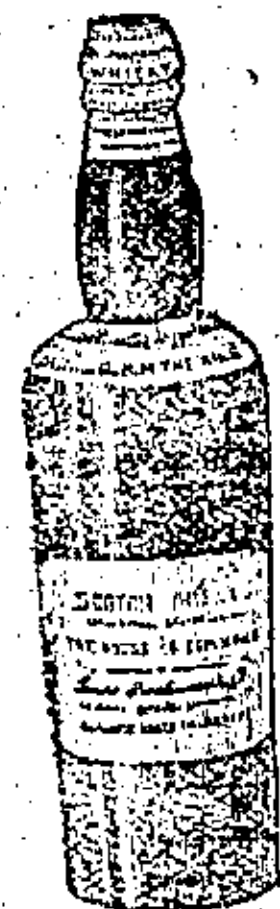
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Auctions.
Noon—Auction of Steam-launch *Linda*,
Ac., opposite Ah King's Shipway,
Wanchai.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of a Great Variety
of Toys, Ac., at Mr. V. L. Remedios'
Sales Rooms.

Meeting.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.
Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Amam* undelivered after this
date at Noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.
Goods per *Wurzburg* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.
WEDNESDAY, December 23.—
11 a.m.—Auction of a Steam-launch *On*
Hing at Messrs Hughes and Hough's
Sales Rooms.
Noon—Auction of a Large Variety of
Fancy Goods, Ac., at Mr. Geo. Lam-
mert's Sales Rooms.
4 p.m.—Auction of a lot of Chinese Silk
Embroideries, Ac., at Mr. Geo. P.
Lammer's Sales Rooms.
Noon—Meeting of Charitable of The
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co.,
Ltd., at the Registered Office.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
Goods per *Bakula Mora* not cleared on
this date, subject to rent.
Goods per *Vindolana* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
FRIDAY, December 25.—
Goods per *Coromandel* not cleared at 4
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BIRTH.
On December 13, at Chemulpo, Corea,
the wife of CARL WOLTER, of a Son.
MARRIAGES.
On the 19th December, at the Peak
Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. F. T.
Johnson, Chaplain, St. John's Cathedral,
JOHN WILLIAM JONES, Barrister-at-law,
Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court,
to AUGUSTA BLANCHE, the eldest daughter
of the late Augustus Cameron Rogers,
L.D.S., R.C.S.I., of Wexford, Ireland,
and granddaughter of the late H. Lytton-
Rogers, formerly Resident Magistrate
of King's Co., Ireland.
At the Registrar General's Office, before
Mr. J. J. Bullin, Deputy Registrar of
Marriages, ETHEL LYDIA, eldest daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Reich, to CHARLES
DUDLEY, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. George
Ayton, of Leith, Scotland.

DEATH.
On December 15, at the General
Hospital, Shanghai, JOHN CARTER, aged 22
years.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 6.0 p.m.

The China Mail.
HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1903.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

In business circles to-
day, in the City, a ru-
mour was current that
Japan and Russia were

on the verge of war. Renter's tele-
grams for the last few days
have been of such a nature as to
prepare the public for such a catas-
trophe, and when it was declared in
various quarters that the head office of
the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation had received a wire from
Japan stating that the Japanese had or
were about to issue an ultimatum to
Russia, the conclusion was at once
jumped to that war was now a certain-
ty. The story was of such a circum-
stantial nature that we at once made
inquiries at the Hongkong and Shang-
hai Bank, and were informed that no
such telegram had been received by the
management. Private advices did not
carry any more warlike information
than Renter's telegrams of the last few
days. The current of public opinion
in well-informed circles is strongly
in favour of war. It is considered
that the Japanese, who have shown
excellent temper in the protracted
negotiations of the past few months,
have been as conciliatory as could well
be expected, that Japanese statesmen
were not likely to allow popular opinion
to force them into hostilities with such a
formidable nation as Russia, but that
the time had come when Japan must
make a stand to safeguard her position
in the Far East; and that should Russia
take further advantage of Japanese re-
luctance to resort to the arbitrament of
arms the insular empire will be com-
pelled to take the field. There can be
no doubt that Russia has been streng-
thening her position, both on land and
sea, during the past six months. She
is in a much better position to counter
any attack from Japan than she was a
few months ago, and there is a feel-
ing that should Japan not go to
war until the spring Russia's position
will be unassailable. In order to be
successful at the outset, Japan must
strike now, and the experience gained
in the war with China shows that the
Japanese can carry on a campaign in
the winter almost as well as in the
spring, when the rivers would be in
flood and the rains would hamper
operations in the field. Altogether the
situation looks far more critical than it
has done since Russia occupied Man-
churia, and should war be the outcome
it will not come as a surprise to those
who have studied events during the
past year in the Far East.

The Disolution in Japan.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

German Financier Dead.
The death has occurred at the age of
73 of Herr Hansemann, a well-known
financier and director of the Disconto
Corporation of Berlin.

The Kaiser.
It is reported that the Kaiser will take
a trip for recreation (to the south of
Europe) after the celebrations in honour
of his birthday on January 27.

Shanghai Dramatic Club.
The Amateur Dramatic Club of Shang-
hai gave their 133rd performance on
December 14, in the comedy, 'One Sum-
mer's Day.' According to press reports it
was a great success.

The French and Manchuria.
The French Minister, M. Duhal, is
vainly endeavouring to interpose in the
Manchurian question, persuading the Chi-
nese Government to make some concessions
to Russia, says a telegram to the *N.C.*
Daily News.

Vulgar Abuse.
A correspondent of the *Birmingham
Daily Post* has culled from the columns
of five Radical newspapers a number of
epithets used towards Mr Chamberlain of
which we give a few samples:—
The Artful Dodger. Crafty Muddler.
Political Knave. Living Campaigner.
Political Hamstringer. Little Leader.
Miserable Trickster. Red Herring Trail-
er. Great Punjandrum. Mugwump.
Smug Face. Imperial Bagman.
Imperial Trickster. Bankrupt Statesman.
Haverty Nose. Red Herring Smasher.
Brummett Bagman. Republic Smasher.
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Lie-Factor. Red-Herring Joe.

150,000 Bacteria in Spoonful.

The River Lea, from which the East
London Water Company largely draws its
supply, was again the subject of much
unkind criticism at a recent meeting of
the Water Purchase Arbitration Court at West-
minster. Mr. Brough Taylor, a civil en-
gineer, doubted whether the river would
be worse if sewage works were abandoned
and crude sewage allowed to flow into it.
Mr. James Watson, engineer to the Brad-
ford Corporation Waterworks, had 'never
seen anything worse,' and Mr. Parry, of the
Liverpool Waterworks, agreed with both
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
The temperature at the Peak Tramway
Station this morning was 45 degrees F.

The English Mail of the 21st Nov.,
was delivered in London on the 19th Dec.

The *Paul Beau*, the new river steamer
referred to in Saturday's *China Mail*,
arrived in port this morning.

Japanese newspapers state that France
is co-operating with Russia to enable the
latter to establish herself in Manchuria.

The *N.C. Daily News* publishes the
following telegram dated Tokyo, December
14.—Russia's reply, which was received on
Saturday evening, shows that rather a wide
discrepancy still exists between the Russian
concessions and the Japanese demands.
The negotiations have been hitherto pro-
tracted and cannot now be settled instantly.

The P. and O. Dividend.
The Agent of the P. and O.S.N. Com-
pany sends us the following information
dated London, 18th November:—

At the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Pen-
insular & Oriental Steam Navigation Com-
pany to be held on the 11th December, the
Directors, after providing for the usual
dividend at the rate of 5 percent per annum
on the Preferred Stock, will recommend a
dividend on the Deferred Stock of 6 1/2
percent for the six months, and a bonus of 3
percent, making, with the Interim Divid-
end of 2 1/2 percent, paid in June, a total
distribution on the Deferred Stock of 13
percent of the year.

Journalists as Hosts.

The Speaker of the House of Com-
mons was the guest of the London District
of the Institute of Journalists at their an-
nual dinner, held on Nov. 14 at the Hotel
Cecil, over which Mr. A. Robbins presided.
In proposing the toast of 'The London
District,' the Speaker said anything which
tended to maintain the efficiency and rep-
utation of the Press was to the general ad-
vantage of the State. The community relied
on the Press not only for their news, but
for the facts upon which they grounded
their opinion. Lord Glonsk, Sir G. Park-
er, M.P., Sir Douglas Staig, Archdeacon
Sinclair, and others took part in the
proceedings.

Hill's Worlds Entertainers.

Nearly everything is in readiness for
the opening of the Hill's Worlds Entar-
tainers next Wednesday night at the
Theatre Royal. This company, which is
declared by the Press to be the best that
has ever visited the Orient, includes such
star performers as Hill and Sylvian, who
are known in every large theatrical city in
the world as the cleverest and most daring
trick cycle and unicycle riders extant.
Their act has been the leading attraction
in such theatres as the Empire, London;
the Folies Bergeres, Paris and the Keith
and Orpheum Circuits of the United States,
and the present company which comes to
amuse Hongkong audiences, will play a
season at the Orpheum Theatre, Sai
Francisco, prior to its departure for the
Empire Circuit. London, at the close of
this tour. Other members of the company
include Victor Kelly, late of Kelly and
Ashby, acrobatic comedians; Leonard
Nelson, a clever comedian and descriptive
vocalist; Miss Leslie Norman, mezzo-
soprano; Emile Lazern the mystic; Miss
Maude Agnes, and Miss May McCrystal.
Judging from the demand already begun
for seats, the season of this company in
Hongkong should be one of the best ever
secured by a visiting company.

Found Dead in Bed.

At the Waverley Hotel this morning
one of the boarders, Mr. J. S. Ruelens, was
found dead in his bed. It appears that
he had been ill for some time, and that he
deceased was last seen in the hotel at 11
p.m. on Saturday, when he had his meal with
a friend. He evidently left the hotel with this
friend, and did not return for dinner. This
morning the room boy knocked at the door
of Room 12, in which the deceased slept,
but received no answer. The boy entered
the room and saw the deceased in bed. He
thought something was wrong, owing to the
appearance of the man's face and the prop-
rietors of the hotel, Mrs. A. Peter, was
called. On entering the room Mrs. Peter
saw that the man was dead and immedi-
ately sent for the police. An examination of
the room disclosed nothing, and the police
took charge of the deceased's effects and re-
moved the body to the Mortuary where a
post mortem examination will be held.
Deceased was about 22 years of age, and
had been staying at the Waverley Hotel
since December 1st. Quite recently he
lost a bait in the Hongkong Hotel and pro-
ceeded against a Filipino on a charge of
stealing it. Out of that case an action was
brought against him by the wife of the
Filipino, for obtaining money under false
pretences, but it was dismissed. Death is
supposed to be due to heart failure.

A Lovers may think a day an eternity when
he doesn't see her, but it isn't half as long
as the hour he leaves her alone with the
baby after they are married.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Russian Jingoism.
The Russian Press demands that
Russia shall take steps to acquire a coaling
station in the Mediterranean.

Gamblers Caught.
At the Magistracy to-day, before Mr
J. H. Kemp, three Chinese were charged
with keeping a gaming house at 333 Des
Voeux Road. A fine of \$10 was imposed
in each case. Twelve others who were
found playing were each fined \$3.

Subsidence at Hankow.

News was received at Shanghai on
Dec. 14 by two or more firms who have
branches at Hankow, that some 150 yards
or more of the German Bund at Hankow
had subsided into the river Yangtze, as
did a portion of the Nanking Bund not
long ago, but happily without any loss of
life. The German Concession at Hankow is
almost in the centre of the Bund, between
the French and Japanese Concessions.

The New Australian Navy.

Australia's first year's contribution
towards the maintenance of the new
Auxiliary Squadron, amounting to £100,000,
was remitted by the Treasurer in November
to London. The actual amount due by the
Commonwealth was £20,000. The basis
of contribution was:—New South Wales
£37,685; Victoria, £42,400; Queensland,
£18,088; South Australia, £22,892; Western
Australia, £13,461; Tasmania, £11,081.
Total, £195,610.

Trouble at Madras University.

By a notification in the Madras Gov-
ernment Gazette 43 private candidates for
matriculation have been rusticated for
various terms. Some have been debarred
from appearing at any examination of the
Madras University. Others have been pro-
hibited—two for three years and a few
have been debarred for one year. The
present lot does not exhaust the entire
number of those rusticated. The offences
committed are forgery, falsehood, and
overstating age. The last offenders applied
for permission to appear privately.

Masonic Installation.

At the Masonic Hall on Saturday
night the Right Worshipful Deputy District
Grand Master of Hongkong and South
China, the Rt. Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, in-
stalled Wor. Bro. C. F. Focken as R.W.M.
of Lodge Eastern Scott, 923 S. C. (Kow-
loon), in succession to Wor. Bro. W. C.
Jack. The newly installed R.W.M. in-
vested his officers as follows:—Deputy Master,
Wor. Bro. H. B. Bridger; substitute
Master, Wor. Bro. F. D. Hyett;
Wor. Sen. Warden, Bro. J. W. Gihman;
Wor. Jun. Warden, Bro. D. Harvie;
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Bro. J. J. Sibbit; Junior Deacon, Bro.
J. McGlashan; Chaplain, Bro. J. W.
Osborne; Inner Guard, Bro. E. Wilson;
Director of Ceremonies, Bro. C. Mlock;
Stewards, Bro. C. Letton, Bro. W. T.
Stebbing; Tyler, Bro. Walpole. Sub-
sequent to the installation a dinner was
held at which the following toasts were
given:—The King and the Craft, proposed
by the R.W.M. (National Anthem); the
Most Worshipful Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Scotland, proposed by the
R.W.M.; the District-Grand Master and
Officers of the District Grand Lodge of
Hongkong and South China proposed by
the R.W.M.; Sister Lodges and Visitors
proposed by the W.S.N.V. Bro. J. W.
Graham; the Worshipful Master, proposed
by Wor. Bro. W. C. Jack, I.P.M.; Wives,
Sisters, Daughters and Sweethearts of
Masons, proposed by the youngest Mason
present; All Poor and Distressed Masons,
proposed by Bro. the Tyler.

The Coolie and the \$500.

A labourer, who resides at 65
Praya East, and who was working on the
Tui On last Friday, was robbed of \$500 by
his ricksha coolie. The work which he had
been engaged upon being completed, the
builder took his private ricksha and called
at the firm's office for his money. He re-
ceived \$500, in twenty and ten cent pieces,
but as he had to look at something on the Tui
On he went back to the steamer with the
money. Arriving at the wharf he left the
coolie outside in charge of the money and
boarded the vessel. Returning to the
street he saw the ricksha was still there,
but the coolie was missing, and \$500
had also disappeared. The police were
immediately informed, and word was sent
to all the stations. About 9 p.m. on the
same day Indian Sergeant, No. 564,
who was on duty at Taiipo, saw a coolie
coming along the road, and has had a
large number of silver coins on him, the
constable arrested him. On being searched
at the Taiipo Police Station the coolie
was found to have \$239 in silver in his
possession, and he was charged with the
theft. He was identified as being the
missing ricksha coolie, and at the Magis-
tracy this morning, before Mr. J. H. Kemp
he was convicted, and was sent to prison
for two months. The Magistrate reprim-
anded the complainant for placing tempt-
ation in the coolie's way and warned him
to be more careful in future.

'You have broken the Sabbath, Johnny,'
said a good man to his son. 'Yes,' said his
little sister, 'and mother's long comb, too,
right in three pieces.'

TELEGRAMS.

['CHINA MAIL'S' EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
SUPPLIED BY REUTER, VIA HONGKONG.

**'IRRESPONSIBLE' DICTATOR-
SHIP.'**

**THE 'STANDARD' ON MR
CHAMBERLAIN.**

**'Defiance of Crown, Cabinet
and Legislature.'**
LONDON, December 19.

The Standard says that—Mr Cham-
berlain's plan of procedure is something
like defiance of the Crown, the Cab-
inet, and the Legislature, and that it
is the plain duty of Mr Balfour to
discountenance the attempt to establish
an irresponsible dictatorship.

FRANCE AND EDUCATION.

**CONGREGATIONALISTS MUST
NOT TEACH.**
LONDON, December 19.

M. E. Combes, French Premier and
Minister of the Interior, has introduced
in the Chamber of Deputies a Bill pro-
hibiting members of any congregation
from engaging in teaching of any form.
The provisions of the Bill will be
applied gradually during the next five
years.

**THE UNITED STATES AND
CUBA.**
LONDON, December 18.

Yesterday the Senate ratified and Pre-
sident Roosevelt signed a reciprocity treaty
with Cuba. Great Britain immediately
notified the State Department that she
expected, under the most favoured nation
clause, West Indian Sugar will be ad-
mitted on the same terms as Cuban. It
is expected that Germany and the other
European countries will make a similar
demand.

COLOMBIA AND PANAMA.
American Marines have been ordered to
land in the Gulf of Darien and Santiago's
Bay to prevent a possible Colombian
invasion of Panama.

**MARINE INSURANCE TOTHE
FAR EAST.**
Lloyd's insurance has risen 50%. On
cargoes to the Far East war risks have
risen 5%.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.
LONDON, December 18.

St. Petersburg continues to be the most
hopeful of a pacific solution of the Japan
difficulty.

**THE AUSTRALASIAN
ELECTIONS.**

The Australasian Federal elections have
resulted in a signal victory for the Labour
party, which completely holds the balance
of power in both Houses. The victory is
mainly due to the Female Franchise.

**THE UNITED STATES AND
CHINA.**
LONDON, December 19.

The Washington Senate has ratified the
Commercial Treaty with China.

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'The 57'

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PICKLES

HEINZ is the man who writes the rhymes. Which have no rhythm or meter About his things in cans and jars Which never jar the eater.

He cans what garden truck he can. And what he can't he bottles. His relishes add relish to What'er goes down our throats.

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GROCEER FOR

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'57'

DANG CHEE SON & Co., Wholesale Agents SOUTH CHINA.

To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE. TAI-KOO SPORTS 1904. WILL be held on 'NEW YEAR'S DAY', and is open to the Civilian Residents of the Colony only. R. H. STEPHENSON, Hon. Secretary, T. S. C. Hongkong, December 21, 1903. 2569

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd December, 1903, commencing at 4 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, DUNDAS STREET, A LOT of CHINESE SILK EMBROIDERIES, JAPANESE CUT VELVET PICTURES, Terms:—As usual. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, December 21, 1903. 2574

NOTICE. A MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held at the MAGISTRACY at 2.15 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 22nd December, 1903, for the purpose of considering the following application:— From one JAMES D. M. CAMERON for the transfer of his Public License to sell and retail intoxicating liquor on the premises situated at Nos 40 to 44, Klyn Road, Kowloon, under the Sign of the Occidental Hotel, to one RONALD MARTINEAU. T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Police Magistrate. Magistrate, Hongkong, December 21, 1903. 2575

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship HAIMUN, Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 11 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, December 21, 1903. 2573

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR AMOY, SWATOW, STRAITS AND RANGOON. THE Company's Steamship AVOCAL, Captain W. A. FAUPEL, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 21, 1903. 2572

AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION COMPANY. STEAM TO FIUME AND TRIESTE Direct, Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID. (Taking cargo at through rates to the BRITISH, SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE AND ADRIATIC PORTS). THE Company's Steamship VINDOBONA, Captain Conner, will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, the 14th of January, p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER, VIELER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 21, 1903. 2576

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL. Commencing WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 23. HILL'S WORLD'S ENTERTAINERS. Will play a short season, presenting for the first time in Hongkong a thoroughly high-class performance, introducing Star Acts from the principal cities in the world. THE BEST COMPANY AND THE STRONGEST COMBINATION OF TALENT EVER SEEN IN THE EAST is the unanimous opinion of the Press. The following are among the members of the company: HILL and SYLVIAN. IN POSITIVELY THE GREATEST CIRCLE AND UNUSUAL ACT IN THE WORLD. A Continental Star Performance from the EMPIRE, LONDON, the FOLIES BERGERS, PARIS, WINTERGARTEN, BERLIN, and KATH'S and ORPHEUS, CINCINNATI, AMERICA. KELLY and AGNUS. Comedy Sketch Artists, introducing Eccentric Dances, Acrobatic Comicalities and North-western Wonders. Mrs. LESLIE NORMAN. New Zealand's Greatest Operatic Mezzo-Soprano. LAZERN THE MYSTIC. From the Crystal Palace, London, presenting a novel and up-to-date exhibition of legions. LEONARD NELSON. Just a Plain Comedian. FUND IN SHADOWLAND. A New and Novel Act by the Entire Strength of the Company. SPECIAL HOLIDAY MATINEE, SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER. FREQUENT CHANGES OF ALL ACTS. Plan of reserved seats now open at Robinson's. Prices ... 33, 32 and 31. Hongkong, December 19, 1903. 2568

YACHTING.

On Saturday, the fifth race in connection with the Championship was sailed over a course round the mark-buoys, round Chung-hue to Tress Rock Buoy, and the North Fairway Buoy. When the boats got away there was a light N.E. wind. Elpheth, Vernon and Dione started well, followed by Ellen, then the wind dropped and the Vernon rounded the mark-buoy first. As the wind freshened up the Dione made up some ground and came close to the Vernon. Again the wind failed and Elpheth, coming with the better tide, gained the lead, but when the wind freshened again, the Vernon regained her position and won from Elpheth with Ellen third. Result:— Vernon ... 1 Elpheth ... 2 Ellen ... 3

Memoranda. SUNDAY, December 27. Goods for Railways undelivered after this date subject to rent. TUESDAY, December 29. 2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justices of Peace at the Magistrate's. SATURDAY, January 16. 9 p.m.—A Concert of Hongkong Volunteer Corps at City Hall.

A HARROGATE CHEMIST ON STEARNS' WINE OF COD LIVER OIL. Public attention has been so much attracted of late to the new development in medicine—Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil—that the following letter will be read with interest:—

WILLIAM THOS. SWAIN, Pharmaceutical Chemist. This unimpeachable testimony has been borne out by all that we have heard concerning Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil, which is the most effective substitute for ordinary cod liver oil yet devised by medical science, is now being very generally prescribed for wasting diseases of all kinds. The extractive principle of cod-liver oil combined with a rich wine together with a desirable quantity of peptonate of iron form the sole ingredients of Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil. It is an ideal restorative and tissue-builder, and a powerful tonic. Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil, being acceptable to the most delicate stomach, is an ideal medicine for convalescents, assisting recovery with marvellous rapidity.

To-day's Advertisements

STEAM FOR STRAITS, GUYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. Through Bills of Lading issued for HATA, VIA PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship SIMLA, Captain F. R. SUMNER, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port on SATURDAY, the 2nd January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. Suez and Valparaiso (all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay. Passengers will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required to be noted and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS. FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON, AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship GUYLON, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst. will be subject to sale. All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be delivered on the 27th inst., at 2.30 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, December 21, 1903. 2570

ALLEGED CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Accused Committed for Trial. The case in which Irma Guion proceeded against Capt. Bazin on a charge of criminal libel was again before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's today. Mr. F. P. Hett (of Mr. G. K. H. Bratton's office) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. R. Harding (of Messrs. Ewins and Harton) represented Capt. Bazin. Madame Guion said that the writing on the letter containing the alleged libel was identical with the letter put in as Capt. Bazin's. Accused reserved his defence and His Worship committed him for trial at the next Court of Criminal Sessions, bail in \$50 cash being allowed.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG V. THE NAVY. The Hongkong Football Club were defeated by the Navy on Saturday by eight points to three. There was a large attendance of spectators, but the game, although brilliant at times, was of a rather loose nature. The teams were as follow:— The Navy: Corns, (Albion), full-back; Sartoris (Glory), De Paris, (Amphitrite), Lozage, (Levantine), and King (Albion), three-quarters; Blackwood (Albion) and Dampier Child (Albion), halves; Hughes (Albion), Reeve (Albion), Dandy (Albion), Boyle (Albion), Corns (Britannia), Kilvint (Tibet) forwards. Hongkong: H. Ashur, full-back; W. R. Robertson, O. J. James, T. E. Pearce and J. Richard, three-quarters; Whitmore and A. Gordon, halves; H. F. Chad, E. C. D. Wolfe, H. C. Sandford, A. Boyd, Lt. M. R. Struver, Rowley L. E. Rogers and Lt. C. B. Macdonald, forwards. Sandford kicked off for the Club, and the Navy immediately attacked. From a mark the ball went to Barnes, who placed it out of touch. The Navy three-quarters got moving, and carried the ball to near the club's goal line. The ball was dropped, and after a little loose play was kicked over the goal line, but no score resulted, the ball being touched down. From the kick out, Chad secured and dashed down the field, passing to Pearce near the goal. The ball was brought down and a scrum was made. The Navy beat the Club for the ball, and the three-quarters started to pass. It looked as though they would score, but faulty passing spoilt their chance. By a series of line-outs the Club worked the ball down to the Navy's end, but King broke through, bending the whole of the Hongkong team. Barnes brought him down from behind. Formby, following on, sent the ball behind, but Arthur touched down, and scored. Pearce was playing a fine game, and repeatedly saved for the Club, as well as making good, sending for his side. From a scrum, Formby played down to the goal line, but was tackled. Pearce gave Barnes a pass, and the latter sent Formby to the try line. Robertson took it well, but the rate at which he was running carried him out of play. No score was made at half time.

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CRICKET.

HONGKONG SCHOOL V. Y. M. C. A. A match was played at the Happy Valley on Saturday between teams representing the Diocesan School and the Y. M. C. A. The result was a win for the Y. M. C. A. by 33 runs and five wickets. The School team consisted of nine men. They compiled 9 runs—4 being an extra. The Y. M. C. A. scored 42 for five wickets (F. W. Fane 10, Extras 13).

CRICKET LEAGUE.

A.G.C. V. HONGKONG 'A' TEAM. The Army Ordnance Corps met the Hongkong 'A' Team on Saturday afternoon at the Hongkong Cricket Ground, and won by 99 runs. The A.G.C. went in first, and after knocking up 174 runs for one wicket, declared their innings closed. Hongkong went in, but failed to approach the score of their opponents, being dismissed for 75 runs, thus leaving the A.G.C. victors.

The scores were as follows:— A.G.C. Sg. Major Webb, c. Hickling, b. F. Lammet ... 55 Corp. Lilywhite, not out ... 56 Corp. Davies, not out ... 11 Sundries ... 11 Total (for 1 wicket) ... 174

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INTERCEPTED LETTERS.

No. III. The Peak, Hongkong, Dec. 7, 1903.

My dear Nell,—Such lots to tell you this week. The gay time has really begun, and yours truly has been dancing, picnicking, dining, etc., to her heart's content.

The Season opened with a ball at Government House in honour of the King's birthday, and then came, on the 30th November, St. Andrew's Ball, which was certainly quite different from any dance I had ever been to in my life before and the greatest fun imaginable. For weeks previously, we (whether we were Scots or not) practised Reels, Strathspeys, Caldonians and Highland Flings with much vigour and a certain amount of effect. It seemed to be the right thing to get up "Sas" again before the ball, and competition was great as to whose Eightsons or whose Caldonians were best danced.

The St. Andrew's Society gave three afternoon practice dances and issued, for the benefit of the uninitiated, directions printed on slips of cardboard as to the figures and steps of the dance. Well, by the time the night of the ball arrived most of us knew something about Scotch dances and Scotch music, personally, I think the music of the eighteenth century will haunt me for years. The decoration of the City Hall, which was the scene of the revel, was thus described by the new party (started one month ago):—"Never before has the City Hall been decked so handsomely." Considering that the victor cannot have known the City Hall for more than a few weeks, one can only conclude that the sentence was put in for ornament; but, really, the Hall did look lovely. St. Andrew must have been very gratified on looking down from somewhere to think it was all in his honour.

We danced in the two big halls, and supper (to many people the event of the evening and lasting from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.) was served in the theatre. William was really very obliging, he only seemed to expect me to dance twice with him, and then departed with an "allthings-cometo-him" sort of will-but-wait-patiently-enough sort of expression to gossip with some boon companions until I should be ready—and willing to depart!

As seems usual at dances in Hongkong, the male element predominated very largely; I heard several men who came a little late say they could not get any dances at all. Most of the womenfolk left the ball soon after one p.m., as the fun is supposed to be more first and furious after that, and I believe many men wound up the evening at four a.m.—not wisely, but too well.

Next day several funny St. Andrew's supper stories were going the round. This is one: A certain gentleman having gone twice through the Menu and through several glasses of champagne, began to feel kindly disposed towards mankind in general, and especially towards an unknown but comely woman sitting next to him and wearing a becoming tulle. He made a few preliminary remarks, his advances were cordially received; this, however, did not check his ardour, and he made other attempts. Then, evidently thinking deeds more effective than words, he suddenly clasped both arms round the comely woman and, much to her surprise, gently "Oh wert thou in the could blast" Tablet: Indignant comedy mutton; amusee supper table; rapid and slightly ungraceful disappearance of "certain gentleman" from the table: "Band playing 'Swiss Alps'!"

I do not touch for the truth of this story, but when over a thousand people agree for one day every year to sink all social distinctions and make it their one interest to speed the fleeting hours with dancing, some quaint things are sure to happen. The dancing that night was as vigorous as that of a part of the Celtic of the far-room below, and it was not until the head of a man who had gone down to have a lemon-squash, William says it was a fine sight to watch the stoical calm with which he smoked a cigarette while his head was being bent up. That the kind of man (I don't mean William) you should fancy, my dear, it would be likely to make a fuss about trifles.

The A.D.C. gave a performance about a fortnight ago of "Lord and Lady Algy," rather an amusing piece for amateurs. I thought Lady Algy's part was well played, but William's was a complete failure. The case was chosen more for their personal beauty than for their histrionic powers. The singing of the piece was very good, and the Amateur Orchestra played delightfully. All this, however, being said, I think the next attempt of the amateurs and I will tell you about that in my next, also how we spent Xmas in Hongkong, as I suppose the merry festival will have come and gone ere I find time to write you again. There was a tennis tournament at one of the tennis clubs last week, but not being a player I don't know much about it except that on the day of the final, I travelled up to the Peak with a beautiful and infuriated woman, all cursing and swearing, and the blood (and some of the sweat) of the tennis match.

"Thank goodness you don't play tennis," whispered William to me. "Thank goodness you were not asked to do the hand-picking," said I out loud to William. Well, Nell, "A Merry Xmas" to you and may you have as good a time at home as I am having out here.—Yours, BETTY.

CANTON LEPEERS' FUND.

'China Mail's' Subscription List.

We would remind generous readers that we are prepared to receive, acknowledge, and despatch to Dr. Bessie, of Canton, any contributions forwarded towards a fund for the alleviation of the sufferings of the lepers at Canton. We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the following:—

W. H. ... 8 20 Willie Widdie ... 19 E. J. B. ... 10 B. M. ... 10 H. H. ... 6 C. M. H. ... 27 St. Stephen's College (2nd contribution) ... 27 H. S. ... 19

CANTON REGATTA.

On Saturday afternoon at Canton the International races in connection with the Regatta were concluded with the following results:—

One Mile—Open to Canton and Hongkong Clubs. Club prizes. W. H. Kuntzel (Canton), W. O. Koehler (Hongkong).

INTERMEDIATE BOATS.

One Mile Challenge Cup presented by Mr. T. E. Griffith. Hongkong B.C.—C. M. Messer (bow), C. Beavis, A. B. Rouse, F. W. Waite (st.), H. W. B. Kuntzel (cox) 1. Canton Rowing Club cox (W. Imhoof, 2 stroke) 2. Canton German crew (W. Kuntzel) 3. V.R.C.—F. D. Bain (bow), J. Widdell, J. Miller, A. E. Alves (st.), G. A. Caldwell (cox). Retired. The V.R.C. crew gained a good lead, and held it until the distance had been passed, when they were compelled to retire owing to Alves catching a crab, and losing his oar. The Boat Club won easily.

SUPREME COURT.

INCURMIAL SESSIONS. (Before His Lordship Sir Wm. Hoodman, Chief Justice, and Justices.) Monday, December 21, 1903.

A CHARGE OF MURDER.

Tsang Tin Kwei and Tsang Shang were arraigned on a charge of being concerned in the murder of a Chinese woman, Leung So, at Wanchai on May 1, 1902. The Attorney General, Sir H. Boreley, (counselled by Mr. H. Hulton, of Messrs. Duns and Bowley) prosecuted, while accused were represented by Mr. M. W. Shade.

Both the accused pleaded not guilty, and the following evidence was given:— Messrs. P. O. E. Meyer, E. V. D. Lier, B. Christian, and C. W. Terry.

The Attorney General said that the murdered woman was the concubine of Tsang Moak. The case was that the prisoners murdered the woman at the request of and after payment by her husband. The husband was not in custody, and was not under the reach of the law, and the prisoners stood to answer for what they had done at his suggestion. The facts were that on May 10, 1902, Mr. White, who lived in Wanchai, was disturbed by hearing sounds of quarrelling and later piercing shriels and screams rang out. He went outside and found a woman lying on the side of the road, with a large wound in her abdomen. Almost immediately after, or a little before he arrived there, a Chinaman, Tsang Sing, came up, and a statement, in English, was made by the woman. That statement would be put in as evidence, if permissible. For some time the matter remained a mystery, and although the inquiry into the matter was being made, it was found to be a case in which the woman was killed by the man.

The woman died on the day following the one on which she was found lying wounded. From May until his October no one was charged with being implicated in the outrage, but between those months the police had been investigating and ultimately, from information received, they were, he believed, enabled to shoot the time home to the men in dock. On one witness would be called, who, evidence, if believed, would convict the two men. The prosecution said that the woman's husband wished to get rid of her and employed the two prisoners to kill the woman. And so what he had to do to do. The arrangement was kept absolutely quiet and it was only because later on there was a split between those two that the police became cognizant of what had been done. They would have to rely upon the evidence of one, who, although not an accomplice, knew, on his own showing, what was going on. That man was a witness of the name of Shang Yu Ting and his evidence was to the effect that on May 9 the two prisoners went into an open dining where he was sitting. Tsang Sing said that the husband of deceased had requested some shameful conduct on the part of his wife and said he would be satisfied if some one killed her. The husband asked the prisoners to kill her, and the prisoners agreed to do so. He was a witness of the name of Shang Yu Ting and his evidence was to the effect that on May 9 the two prisoners went into an open dining where he was sitting. Tsang Sing said that the husband of deceased had requested some shameful conduct on the part of his wife and said he would be satisfied if some one killed her. The husband asked the prisoners to kill her, and the prisoners agreed to do so.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:— On the 21st at 11 a.m. The barometer has fallen over the E. coast of China and the Loochoos, and continues to rise slowly over E. Japan. The anticyclone is still central over China, and pressure remains low to the N.E. of Japan. Gradients have decreased on the China coast, but continue steep over the China Sea. The monsoon will probably moderate in the Formosa Channel. Strong monsoon rains over the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh moderate N. winds; fine.

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S.S. Nürnberg, Capt. Jäger, 25th December, 1903. Freight.

S.S. Nubia, Capt. Von Hoff, About end of December, or beginning of January.

FOR ROTTERDAM AND HAMBURG.

CALLING AT SINGAPORE.

S.S. Savona, Capt. Denat, 1st January, 1904. Freight & Passengers.

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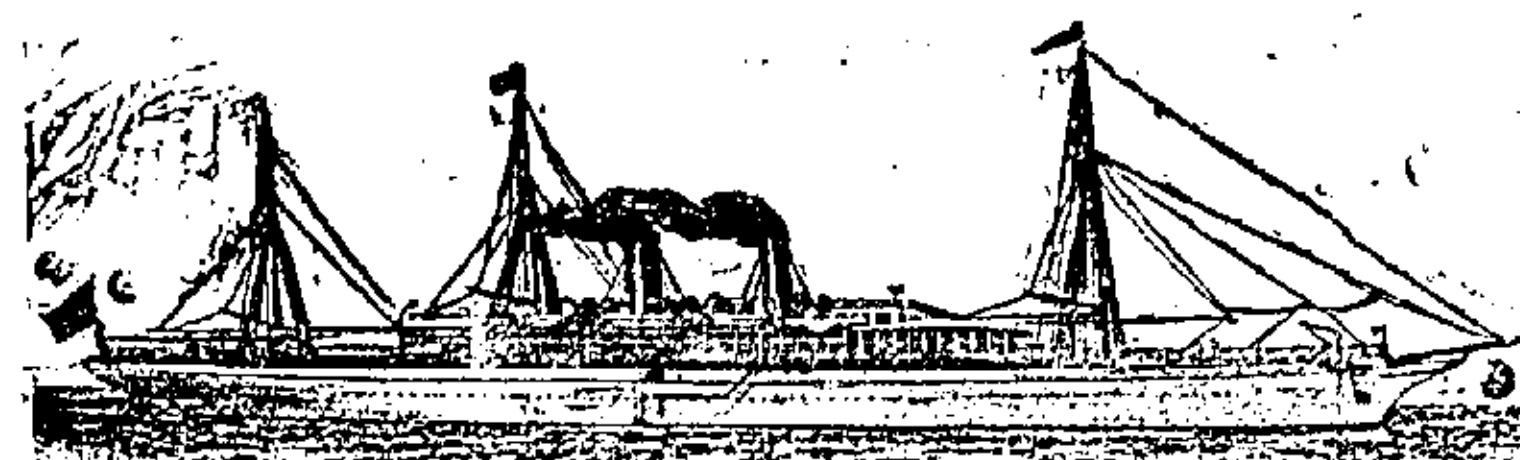
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Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
KAGOSHIMA MARU, K. Koni,	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	FRIDAY, 25th Dec, at Noon.
BINGO MARU, F. Davies,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SATURDAY, 26th Dec, at Daylight.
HIROSHIMA MARU, J. Naka,	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 29th Dec, at Noon.
KAGA MARU, N. Ono,	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 29th Dec, at 4 p.m.
KASUGA MARU, W. Scott Hunter,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	WEDNESDAY, Dec 30, at Noon.
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FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESTOR	29th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KENNEDY	1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KENNEDY	8th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KENNEDY	14th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KENNEDY	22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KENNEDY	28th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KENNEDY	3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	PROSPERITE	22nd December.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DARBOUS	5th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DARBOUS	12th January.
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MANILA	SUNGKANG	23rd December.
NINGPO AND SHANGHAI	TRENT	24th December.
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SACHSEN ... WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan.

BAYERN ... WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb.

GERA ... WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb.

SEYDLITZ ... WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.

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Australian Ports, &c.	Yaswata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.
Breton, &c.	König Albert (s)	Molchers & O.	December 23.
Breton, &c.	Kiachtouh (s)	Molchers & O.	January 6.
Breton, &c.	Sachsen (s)	Molchers & Co.	January 20.
Play, S'pore & C'fbo.	Hiroschima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 16, at Nootka
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Hare and: Harburg	Nürnberg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	December 25.
Kobe	Tsuyuwa (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 1.
London, Antwerp &c.	Manila (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 24, at Nootka
London and Harburg	Flintshire (s)	Sherman, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 16, at Nootka
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Manila	Rohilla Maru (s)	Toyoi Kisen Kaisha.	Dec. 22, at 11 a.m.
Manila	Rubi (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 26, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Jan. 3, at Nootka
Manila	Swing (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 26, at 11 a.m.
Manila	Sungkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 23.
Marcellus via Saigon.	Salazie (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 29, at 1 p.m.
Manila, Aus'ian Ports	Chingta (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 30.
Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.	Kogoshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 29, at Nootka
Nar., Edon, A'orp, B'ng	Bingo Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 26, Dec'ly
Nar., L' on & A'orp.	Pandanus (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 22.
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New York, Suez Canal	Georgia (s)	Dowell & Co. Limited	Jan. 13, at Nootka
New York, Suez Canal	Nubia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Dec. 28, at Nootka
N'ki, Kobe & Y'hama	Kasuga Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Dec. 30, at Nootka
Ningpo and Shanghai	Tientsin (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 23.
Rotterdam & Fl'urg	Savoia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	January 1.
Shanghai & K'obs	Mazagan (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 20, at Nootka
Shanghai & K'obs	Georgia (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	about January 1.
Shanghai	Tanusi (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	December 23.
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Shanghai and Portland.	Indraamah (s)	Portland & Asiatics Co.	Dec. 26, at Nootka
Shanghai and Portland.	Indravadi (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	January 14.
S'pore, P'ang, Calcutta.	George (s)	China Com. S. Co.	Jan. 13, at Nootka
S'pore, P'ang, Calcutta.	Giljan (s)	China Ind. and T'ing Co.	second half of Dec.
S'pore, P'ang, S'pore & C'fbo.	China (s)	Sander, Wiedt & Co.	December 22.
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Stow, Amoy & Am'ing	Maidaura Maru (s)	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha.	December 22.
Stow, Amoy, Foochow	Anping Maru (s)	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha.	December 26.
Stow, Amoy & Tamsui	Shan (s)	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha.	December 26.
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Stow, Amoy & Tamsui	Haimun (s)	Douglas Lymatic & Co.	Dec. 23, at 11 a.m.
Vancouver (B.C.) &c.	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Jan. 13, at Nootka
Vancouver (B.C.) &c.	Athena (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Jan. 27.
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China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$ 83 1/2	£ 20	\$37, sales & sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 219, sales
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$ 250	£ 120	\$190, sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	\$ 100	£ 60	\$135
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China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 100	£ 20	\$88, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$ 250	£ 60	\$310
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H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.,	50,000	\$ 50	all	\$204, buyers
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China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$ 50	£ 30	\$18

Higgins Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	£	50	all	\$80, sales & sellers
H.K. & M. & Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	£	15	15	\$82, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£	10	all	\$76
Sterry Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	£	10	10	\$80, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	10	5	\$119, buyers
Shanghai Dock & Light Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	50	150	\$121, buyers
Shanghai Dock & Light Co., Ltd.	200,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 62, sellers
do. Preference.	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 47, sellers
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	£	100	a	\$105
Lazoo Sugar Company, Limited	5,000	£	100	a	\$105
Persak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	Tls.	50	T	50 Tls. 60
WEAVERS.					
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	£	50	all	\$97, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkwai Wharf Co.	20,100	Tls.	100	Tls. 100	Tls. 220, sales
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	£	100	100	\$167, sales
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	39,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 104, sales
Liwoo Land and Building Company	6,000	£	50	30	\$35, buyers
London Land and Building Co., Ltd.	2,764	Tls.	25	Tls. 25	Tls. 12, sellers
Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.	100,000	£	10	all	\$11, sales & buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	12,500	£	50	50	\$52, seller.
West Point Building Co., Limited ..	12,500	£	50	50	\$52, seller.
TRAMWAYS.					
H.R. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,230	£	100	all	\$320
MINE.					
Jichu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	60,000	£	5	5	50 cents, sellers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	30,000	£	11	11	\$1.50, sellers
do. Preference shares.	30,000	£	1	all	30 cents
Soc. des "Francaise des Charbon- nages du Tonkin.	18,000	Fcs.	250	all	\$600, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£	1	18/10	\$8, sellers
HOTELS.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	13,000	£	50	all	\$148
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin).	2,000	T. Tls.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 150, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shai)	2,000	£	25	25	\$23, buyers

DISPENSABLES						
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Limited.....	60,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$141, buyers
Watkins Limited.....	10,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$74, buyers
LIGHTING.						
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.....	7,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$145, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.....	8,000	Tls.	10	Tls.	50	\$125, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.....	20,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$134, buyers
New Electric (gas) Co., Ltd.....	30,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$ 57
BRICK AND CEMENT.						
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.....	50,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$843, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	\$15
Ball Astorics Eastern Agency.....	8,604	£	12/8	£	12/8	\$6, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited.....	9,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$ 89, buyers
10,000			10	\$	10	\$210, buyers
10,000			10	\$	10	\$167, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.....	5,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$24, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.....	7,200	£	20	£	20	Tls. 425
Leong Planting Company, Ltd.....	20,000	\$	5	\$	5	Nominal
Kong Roop Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	10,000	\$	50	\$	50	\$145, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.....	10,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$103, buyers
W. S. Con Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.....	20,000	Tls.	10	Tls.	50	Tls. 37, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	10,000	Tls.	75	Tls.	25	buyers
Loon-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.....	8,000	Tls.	10	Tls.	10	\$10, buyers
W. S. Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.....	2,000	Tls.	500	Tls.	100	Tls. 170
China Pr. vident Loan Mortgage Co., Ltd.....	50,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$83, sellers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.....	60,000	\$	12	\$	10	\$8, buyers
Campbell Moore & Co., Limited.....	10,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$ 3
Wong Poo & Co., Ltd.....	12,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$ 3
Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.....	1,200	\$	50	\$	50	\$30, Nominal
The Canton Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited.....	70,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$10, Nominal

Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.....	20,000	50	\$5	collar
Atm. mbra Limited.....	300	600	50	\$200

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